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BOOK RESUME: SOME GIRLS DO

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this YA contemporary queer romance from the author of *Hot Dog Girl*, an openly gay track star falls for a closeted, bisexual teen beauty queen with a penchant for fixing up old cars.

Morgan, an elite track athlete, is forced to transfer high schools late in her senior year after it turns out being queer is against her private Catholic school's code of conduct. There, she meets Ruby, who has two hobbies: tinkering with her baby blue 1970 Ford Torino and competing in local beauty pageants, the latter to live out the dreams of her overbearing mother. The two are drawn to each other and can't deny their growing feelings. But while Morgan—out and proud, and determined to have a fresh start—doesn't want to have to keep their budding relationship a secret, Ruby isn't ready to come out yet. With each girl on a different path toward living her truth, can they go the distance together?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★“Heartfelt and thoughtful . . . An entertaining enemies-to-lovers romance.”
—*Shelf Awareness*, starred review

“Succeeds in its portrayal of serious issues coupled with the giddy adrenaline rush of first love . . . Dugan nails the young adult voice. Morgan and Ruby are fully realized and age-appropriately flawed.” —*School Library Journal*

“A nuanced sapphic romance that guides its heroines as they struggle with their identities and discover their voices. A quietly powerful addition to the canon.”
—*Booklist*

“An enjoyable romantic tale.” —*Publisher's Weekly*

“Dugan gives each protagonist a distinct voice and compelling point of view, and readers will sympathize with their challenges as they find their ways to love . . . A complex and poignant queer romance.” —*Kirkus*

“A smart, heartfelt teen romance.” —*NPR*

“Dugan returns to the sweet Sapphic vibes of *Hot Dog Girl* with this newest, about two girls with undeniable chemistry and one big obstacle to being together.” —*BuzzFeed*

“An empathetic, relatable love story, *Some Girls Do* might be Jennifer Dugan's best novel to date.” —*Bust*

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“Swoony romance with well-crafted multidimensional characters rarely seen in young adult literature, making for a fast-paced read you won’t want to put down . . . A thoughtful exploration of coming out and safety, a necessary conversation for those within the queer community.”—*Culturess*

“A sweet novel that offers plenty of rough edges and no easy answers.”
—*BookPage*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Chicago Public Library Best Book of the Year
- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection
- An ALA Rainbow Book List Selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](#)

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